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HONOLULU, HAWAII TERRITORY, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1904.

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(ASSOCIATED PRESS CABLEGRAM)

SASEBO, Feb. 11--The captured Russian transport Ekaterinoslav, the merchant steamer Argur and five Russian whalers have been brought into port.

## A HEAVY GALE ENDANGERS THE CRIPPLED SHIPS

Complete Demoralization at Port Arthur---Russian Army Numbers Less Than 100,000. Seoul Captured---Manchurian Railway Bridge Blown Up.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS CABLEGRAMS.)

CHEFOO, Feb. 7 .- A gale is raging which must be hurtful to the Russian crippled warships. There is complete demoralization at Port Arthur.

WAR FORMALLY DECLARED.

TOKYO, Feb. 11 .- A formal declaration of war has been prepared and approved by the Emperor. There is great public rejoicing

JAPANESE SOLDIERS IN KOREA,

over the victory at Port Arthur, though no official advices have yet been received.

BRIDGE DESTRUCTION BEGINS.

LONDON, Feb. 11 .-- An important bridge on the Manchurian railway was blown up today. In the explosion thirty people were

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JAPAN MAKES A FORMAL DECLARATION OF WAR

Last evening Consul Saito received the following cablegram from the Japanese Minister at Washington:

Washington, Feb. 10, 1904 His Imperial Majesty, the Emperor of Japan, declared war against Russia, on the 10th of February, 1904.

GREAT JAPANESE SUCCESSES.

Early in the forenoon yesterday extras were out with this private dispatch, which was posted by the local agency of the Yokohama

"On the 8th inst, at Chemulpo a Russian cruiser was captured and another was sunk by Japanese. Also, at the same date outside of Port Arthur, two Russian battleships were sunk and one cruiser stranded. The battle still continues on the 9th inst."

CABLE INTERRUPTIONS.

The Commercial Pacific Cable Co. yesterday posted notices as

"Russian administration notifies private telegrams over the Port Arthur cable cannot be accepted."

"Japanese administration announces restriction on code messages only applies to those originating in Japan and at Fusan, Seoul or Chemulpo. There is no restriction save that of sender's risk on messages going to Japan, Fusan, Seoul or Chemulpo."

#### WAR GOOD FOR TRADE OF PACIFIC

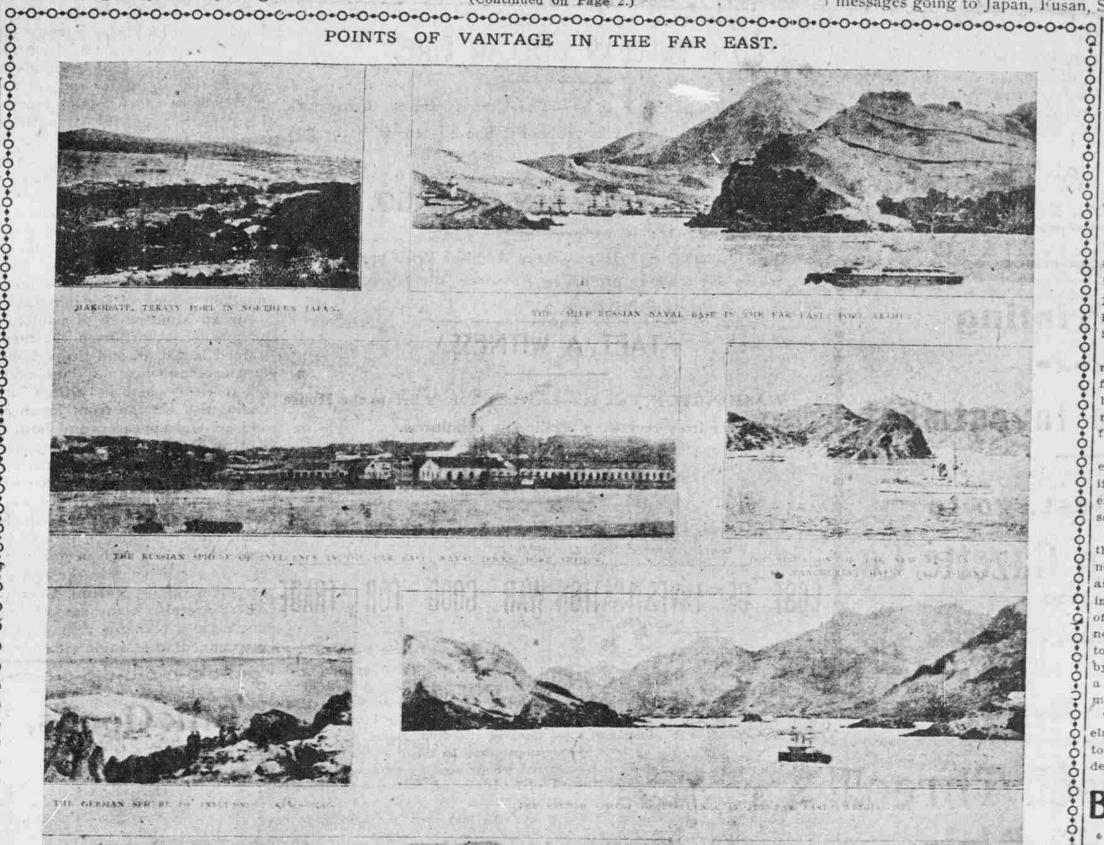
War between Japan and Russia will make commerce boom along the Pacific Coast in far greater measure than the impulse given trade and shipping by the Philippines campaign which poured millions of dollars into San Francisco, and lesser amounts to other cities. Puget Sound got a large share, but in an Oriental war Seattle would get more in proportion, as she is now more fully represented on the Pacific. San Francisco has but nine liners to the East, representing twenty-nine per cent of C the Oriental tonnage from the Pacific | Coast of the United States. Vancouver (B. C.) has five liners, representing 16.1 per cent of the tonnage. Portland has |Q three liners, representing 9.7 per cent. O Puget Sound has fourteen liners, representing 45.2 per cent. Besides these are the fleet's of coastwise, Honolulu, and Alaskan trade, which could be drawn on if supplies for a Russo-Japanese war made the demand.

Russia and Japan will have to buy, o and no nation is so well prepared to sell as America. Because these two powers must buy in the United States, and because the railway men of this country have prepared themselves on land and sea for just an outbreak, war will mean many millions of money to the United States for food, a part of which will be distributed among the Pacific Coast States, and millions more for transportation, a share of which goes to the ports where the transhipping occurs.

A hint of a new use of shipping has O been received at Seattle. The War Ministry of Japan has already asked one steamship company with headquarters at that port for terms on three of its steamships for the conveying of Japs from this coast to Japan in case of war. Not only is this use of American ships a novel phase of war preparation, but it suggests the possibility that, in case of war, the Japanse in this country will go home to a

To January 1, fully sixty per cent more flour and wheat had been taken by Japan than was purchased from Pacific Coast States during the same period of any crop year. This heavy increase is believed to have been due

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Hakodate, Port Arthur, Naval Docks, Port Arthur; Dalny, Kiao-Chao, the German Sphere; Wei-hei-Wei, the British Naval Base; Fusan, Korea; Kobe.

### AID FROM HONOLULU **JAPANESE**

A meeting of representative Japanese of Honojulu was held last evening at the Japanese school on Nuuanu street to discuss ways and means of aiding relatives and friends now serving in the Japanese army and navy. Mr. C. Shioda, manager of the Kei Hin bank, presided. Consul-General Miki Saito was present.

Since the opening of the war a movement has been afoot to raise a popular fund among the Japanese of Hawaii to be forwarded to the Japanese government as the gift of the Emperor's faithful subjects in these Islands.

This matter was discussed but in the end it was decided that such a fund, if raised, should be merely for the benefit of relatives and friends of the sub-

Consul Salto advised those present that the United States will declare her neutrality in the war between Japan and Russia, and, as the Japanese living in Hawaii are living within a portion of the United States territory, it might not be wise for the Japanese residents to embarrass the Federal government by raising funds within its borders as a direct gift for the Japanese govern-

The plan to raise money, or whatever else the subscribers may desire to offer, to go to relatives and friends, was then

#### BRITAIN WILL BE NEUTRAL

British Commissioner Hoare H received the following cable # message yesterday from the For- # eign Office at London:

The King's proclamation of # neutrality in the war between H Russia and Japan, will be signed H H tomorrow and issued as soon as